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Louisiana Milk Production Report

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This report contains the results from the quarterly *Milk Production Report*. The data are also posted on our Web site at http://www.nass.usda.gov/la. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

First Quarter Milk Production down 7 Percent

Louisiana milk production during the January-March 2014 quarter was 56 million pounds, down 7 percent from the same period last year, but up 22 percent from the October-December 2013 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 15,000 head unchanged from the previous quarter.

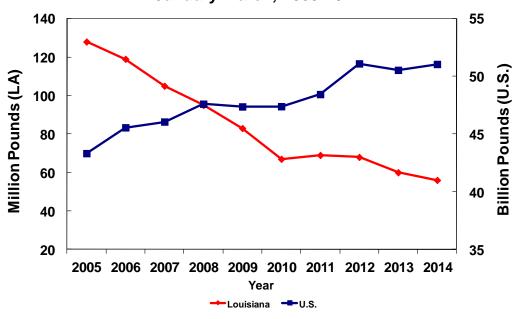
Nationally, the number of milk cows increased from the previous quarter. Milk production increased 1 percent from the previous year and increased 4 percent from the previous quarter.

Milk Cows and Production by Quarter, Louisiana, and U.S. 2012-2014

| Item/Period | Louisiana | | | | United States | | | |
|---|---------------|----------------|------|----------|---------------|----------------|--------|----------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | % Change | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | % Change |
| Milk Cows ¹ | Thousand Head | | | from '13 | Thousand Head | | | from '13 |
| 1 st Quarter, January - March | 18.0 | 3 | 15.0 | - | 9,257 | 3 | 9,215 | - |
| 2 nd Quarter, April - June | 18.0 | 3 | | - | 9,259 | 3 | | - |
| 3 rd Quarter, July - September | 17.0 | 15.0 | | - | 9,211 | 9,229 | | - |
| 4 th Quarter, October - December | 16.0 | 15.0 | | - | 9,203 | 9,201 | | - |
| Milk Production ² | | Million Pounds | | | | Million Pounds | ; | |
| 1 st Quarter, January - March | 68 | 60 | 56 | -6.7 | 51,105 | 50,545 | 51,056 | 1.0 |
| 2 nd Quarter, April - June | 60 | 58 | | - | 51,562 | 51,997 | | - |
| 3 rd Quarter, July - September | 45 | 42 | | - | 48,727 | 49,408 | | - |
| 4 th Quarter, October - December | 49 | 46 | | - | 49,143 | 49,268 | | - |

¹ Average number for the period includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

Milk Production: Louisiana and U.S. January-March, 2005-2014



² Excludes milk nursed by calves.

³ Survey was not conducted in April and July.